# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:483
ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006
RAILWAY PROJECTS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether several railway projects worth thousands of crores of rupees have been grounded for decades and also placed on the 'non-priority' list as reported in the 'Times of India' dated April 30, 2006;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the total cost of these projects and the amount spent thereon;

(d) the details of the projects out of them which relate to the remote and backward areas of the country; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken to take up these projects on priority?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI LALU PRASAD )

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 483 BY S/SHRI BRAJESH PATHAK AND ASADUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.05.2006 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, Railways have a huge throwforward of projects requiring over Rs. 53,946 Crore for completion. The funds are limited and projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources keeping in view the operational requirements and other considerations. The News item published in Times of India (Delhi Edition) on 30.04.06 mentioned about 84 projects reported to have been grounded for decades. The prioritization of Railway Projects under New Line and Gauge Conversion was done by the government in April, 2005 in the following Categories:-

(i) Category (I) - Projects where progress is more than 60% and throwforward is less than Rs. 100 Crore.

(ii) Category (II) − Viable/Operationally required projects.

(iii) Category (III) − National Projects, Projects in Assam & North East Region, Cost Sharing with State Governments, Defence Funded Projects and projects covered under Public Private Partnership.

(iv) Category (IV) − Other ongoing projects not covered in Categories (I, II & III).

As per the prioritization, 84 projects were in Category (IV). The total anticipated cost of these projects is about Rs. 26000 Crore and the amount spent on these upto 31.03.06 is about Rs. 5400 Crore.

(d): Most of the New Line & Gauge Conversion projects except a few required on operational considerations are aimed to improve connectivity to backward, tribal, remote & under developed areas of the country so as to bring about socio-economic development of the regions through which the line passes. The details of Category (IV) projects are attached as Appendix.

(e): A number of initiatives have been taken to expedite completion of these ongoing projects. Minister of Railways have written to Chief Ministers' of the States to consider suitable cost sharing for the ongoing New Line and Gauge Conversion projects to the extent of 50% or more. Efforts are also being made to explore part funding of projects through 'National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme' and other Poverty Alleviation Programmes of State/Central Government.

APPENDIX TO STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 483 BY S/SHRI BRAJESH PATHAK AND ASADUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.05.2006 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS.

| S. No. | PROJECT | PLAN | KMS |
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CATEGORY (IV) - OTHERS ONGOING PROJECTS OF NEW LINES AND GAUGE CONVERSION NOT COVERED IN ABOVE CATEGORIES (I, II, AND III).

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| 1 | Abohar-Fazilka | NL | 42.72 |
| 2 | Agra-Etawah via Fatehabad and Bah | NL | 114.1 |
| 3 | Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath | NL | 261.25 |
| 4 | Ajmer-Pushkar | NL | 31.4 |
| 5 | Akola-Purna | GC | 210 |
| 6 | Amravati-Narkher | NL | 138 |
| 7 | Angamali-Sabarimala | NL | 146 |
| 8 | Angul-Sukinda Road | NL | 90 |
| 9 | Ara-Sasaram | NL | 98 |
| 10 | Aunrihar-Jaunpur | GC | 58.66 |
| 11 | Azimganj(Nasipur)-Jiyaganj up to the Ghat | NL | 3 |
| 12 | Bangalore-Satyamanglam | NL | 260 |
| 13 | Bankura-Damodar River Project GC, Bowaichandi-Khanna NL, Rainagar-Chanchai NL & Bankura-Mukutmanipur NL | GC | 198 |
| 14 | Baramati-Lonad | NL | 54 |
| 15 | Beas to Dera Baba Jaimal Singh | NL | 5 |
| 16 | Bhildi-Viramgam | GC | 157 |
| 17 | Chandigarh-Ludhiana | NL | 112 |
| 18 | Chhindwara-Nagpur | GC | 149.52 |
| 19 | Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur | NL | 235 |
| 20 | Dausa-Gangapur City | NL | 92.67 |
| 21 | Deogarh-Sultanganj, Banka-Barahat and Banka-Bhitiah Road | NL | 149 |
| 22 | Dharmavaram-Pakala | GC | 227 |
| 23 | Etawah-Mainpuri | NL | 60 |
| 24 | Fatuha-Islampur Restoration and Sheikhpura to Neora via Daniawan | NL | 171.5 |
| 25 | Gadwal-Raichur | NL | 60 |
| 26 | Godhra-Indore & Dewas-Maksi | NL | 316 |
| 27 | Gonda-Bahraich-Sitapur -Lucknow PH I | GC | 60 |
| 28 | Gonda-Gorakhpur Loop with Anand nagar Nautanwa | GC | 260 |
| 29 | Gulbarga-Bidar | NL | 140 |
| 30 | Hajipur-Sagauli | NL | 148.3 |
| 31 | Hassan-Bangalore | NL | 166 |
| 32 | Hathua-Bhatni | NL | 79.6 |
| 33 | Howrah-Amta | NL | 75 |
| 34 | Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi | GC | 285 |
| 35 | Jayanagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj | GC | 268 |
| 36 | Jind-Sonipat | NL | 88.9 |
| 37 | Kadur-Chickmagalur-Saklesphur | NL | 93 |
| 38 | Kakinada-Pithapuram | NL | 21.5 |
| 39 | Kalka-Parvanoo | NL | 7 |
| 40 | Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura-Bareilly incl. MM for extension from Bareilly to Lalkuan | GC | 545 |
| 41 | Kaptanganj-Thave-Siwan-Chhapra | GC | 233.5 |
| 42 | Karur-Salem | NL | 85 |
| 43 | Katihar-Jogbani and Katihar-Barsoi-Radhikapur) | GC | 200 |
| 44 | Khagaria-Kusheshwarsthan | NL | 42.3 |
| 45 | Khurda Road-Bolangir | NL | 289 |
| 46 | Kichha-Khatima | NL | 57.7 |
| 47 | Kosi Bridge | NL | 21.85 |
| 48 | Kothapalli-Narsapur | NL | 58 |
| 49 | Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli | NL | 541 |
| 50 | Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh | NL | 56 |
| 51 | Macherla-Nalgonda | NL | 92 |
| 52 | Madurai-Rameswaram | GC | 161 |
| 53 | Maharajganj-Masrakh | NL | 35.49 |
| 54 | Mansi-Saharsa & Saharsa-Dauram Madhepura-Purnia | GC | 142 |
| 55 | Mathura-Achnera | GC | 35 |
| 56 | Miraj-Latur | GC | 374 |
| 57 | Mudkhed-Adilabad | GC | 162 |
| 58 | Munger - rail-cum-road Bridge on river Ganga | NL | 19.8 |
| 59 | Munirabad-Mehbubnagar | NL | 246 |
| 60 | Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi | NL | 64.5 |
| 61 | Mysore-Chamarajanagar (Ph-I) with extn to Mettupalayam | GC | 148 |
| 62 | Nandyal-Yerraguntla | NL | 126 |

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| 63 | Nangal Dam- Talwara & Taking over siding of Mukerian Talwara | NL | 83.74 |
| 64 | Patna-Ganga bridge with linking lines between Patna and Hajipur | NL | 19 |
| 65 | Peddapally-Karimnagar- Nizamabad | NL | 177 |
| 66 | Pipar Road -Bilara (MM of Phulera-Jodhpur guage conversion) | GC | 41.4 |
| 67 | Pratapnagar-Chhota Udepur | GC | 99.27 |
| 68 | Puntamba-Shirdi | NL | 17.8 |
| 69 | Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchchendur & Tenkasi-Virudunagar | GC | 357 |
| 70 | Rajkot-Veraval, Wansjalia to Jetalsar with new line from Veraval to Somnath | GC | 281 |
| 71 | Ramganjmandi-Bhopal | NL | 262 |
| 72 | Rewari-Rohtak | NL | 81.26 |
| 73 | Rewari-Sadulpur including Sadulpur-Hissar | GC | 211 |
| 74 | Rupsa-Bangriposi | GC | 90 |
| 75 | Sakri-Hassanpur | NL | 76 |
| 76 | Sriganganagar- Sarupsar | GC | 116 |
| 77 | Talcher-Bimlagarh | NL | 154 |
| 78 | Tanur (Kuttipuram)-Guruvayoor | NL | 50.23 |
| 79 | Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur with Ext up to Kumarkundu Bypass connecting Howrah-Bardhman Chord | NL | 85 |
| 80 | Tarantaran-Goindwal | NL | 21 |
| 81 | Trichy-Manamadurai | GC | 150 |
| 82 | Villupuram-Katpadi | GC | 161 |
| 83 | Naupada-Gunupur | GC | 90 |
| 84 | Kottayam-Erumeli# | NL | - |

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